



IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Sheppard, et al.

§ Before the Examiner: Sheeba Ahmed

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Title: Improved Lamination Grade Coextruded  
Heat-Sealable Film

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**DATED AUGUST 9, 2002**

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Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 9, 2002. Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered and the application be reconsidered in view thereof.

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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-13 and insert the following new claims 14-30 therefor.

A marked-up version of the claims is attached in APPENDIX A entitled "CLAIMS MARKED-UP TO SHOW CHANGES MADE".

14. (New) A coextruded, heat-sealable film structure, comprising:

- (a) a core layer comprising a thermoplastic polymer, the core layer having a first side and a second side;
- (b) a functional layer on the first side of the core layer, wherein the functional layer is selected from the group consisting of a laminating layer, a printable layer, a laminating and a printable layer, and a sealable layer;